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SUBJECT: COMBAT INTELLIGENCE TEAMS

1. BACKGROUND

The Combat Intelligence Teams Project was begun by CSD in November 1961. Eighteen (18) men teams were given guerrilla warfare and intelligence training for the purpose of collecting intelligence on Viet Cong targets and acting immediately on those within their capability.

2. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MACV

MACV and CSD agreed that on 31 December 1963 MACV would assume U.S. responsibilities for support of the Combat Intelligence Teams Project. It was further agreed that these assets are considered overt in nature and should be integrated into the CIDG Program. As of 16 December 1963 there were thirty-three (33) Combat Intelligence Teams (approximately 600 individuals) in fifteen (15) provinces.

3. CSD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSFER

a. Conduct briefings for MACV and make available supporting documents concerning the project.

b. Provide MACV with a roster of personnel involved in the Combat Intelligence Teams Project and their locations.

c. Arrange for liaison and briefings with SFHCVN, and be prepared to assist and participate in joint discussions with MACV and SFHCVN when requested.

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4. MACV ACTION


a. MACV is evaluating the program to determine the extent of support it will provide after the transfer of responsibility.

b. Negotiations between MACV and SFHCVN concerning procedures for the transfer of support responsibilities of Combat Intelligence Teams have not been completed due to apparent reluctance by SFHCVN to integrate them into the CIDG Program.

5. IMPLEMENTATION ACTION BY SFHCVN

Recommended action by SFHCVN is to issue instructions to CIDG camp commanders to assume responsibility for the Combat Intelligence Teams, and issue instructions to area organizers to report assets to the CIDG camp commander.

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